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A MEMORANDUM
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Particularly designed for the Use of the People of
England, for this present Year.

PREDICTING,

That there will be great Wars and Commotions in several
Parts of the World: together with dreadful Earthquakes
in many Places, accompanied with Pestilence and Famine;
shewing the very Day that the Sun and Moon will be
darkened at the same Time.

LIKEWISE,

Foretelling the Destruction of the Heathens and Turks; and
the general Calling of the Jews together.

This is collected out of the valuable Writings of the most
eminent ancient Authors, who are generally allowed to
have the Gift of Prophecy.

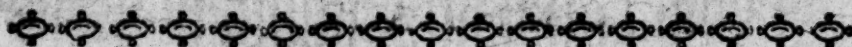
Recommended to the Perusal & Consideration of
every Christian who may have some Share in
the aforementioned Events, which will cer-
tainly happen.

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MEMORANDUM

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ONE DAY.



*By Woman and an Apple Mankind fell,
By Woman's Son yet all again grew well.*

ADAM, the first Man in the World, was King of the Earth; Paradise was his place of abode, from whence he was driven. The Beasts, the Fishes and the Birds were made to serve him; but he rebelled against God, and they rebelled against him. He gave them names, and lost his own. A woman caused this woe; the woman seduced by a serpent, man by that woman, and both were serpents to him; yet for all this, God took pity on man's weakness; for, as the first Adam brought to a bar, so the second Adam brought a relieve. Adam ruined all, and Christ restored all. The devil would have seized on the world, but God took it from him. Adam's weakness begat sin, sin brought forth death and destruction.

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The LAST DAY.

*The Trumpet blows, the Dead arise ;
A dreadful Sessions! yet none dies.*

FOR the Trial of Adam's Treason, a Sessions will be called; the Day dreadful, the Judge terrible, the Jury severe, the Evidence impartial, the Cryer of the Court loud as Thunder, the Indictment fearful as Lightening, a wretched soul the Prisoner, and all nations that have been, now are, or shall be, standing by.

O what a Day will this be! a Day of Terror! a Day of Triumph! a Day of Confusion to the wicked! but of comfort to the Godly!

This will be the last Day: for no more will ever be after. There will never be another Sun, Moon, nor Stars; all the Lights of Heaven will be put out, and yet a greater Light will be seen than ever Mortal Eyes beheld.

The Courts of Kings, the Seats of Noblemen, the banqueting-Houses of the Luxurious, the full Barns of Farmers, the Cottages of Husbandmen, and the Stalls under which Beggars lay, will be as one, and come to nothing.

All the Kings upon Earth, all the Nations under those Kings, and all the Slaves who have been trod upon by those Nations, shall be called to an open Trial. The Lord shall descend from Heaven, and an archangel shall come with power and majesty, sounding a Trumpet, which shall be heard all over the Universe, and summons all Nations to this general Judgement.

Who shall appear at this Summons? who shall be able to avoid this Judgment? the Graves shall open to deliver their Bodies; the Sea shall give an account of those it hath drowned; and the Fire of those it hath consumed.

This is called the Last Day, because it is the End of all Days, the Conclusion and End of the World.

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The SIGNS before the DAY.

*When it will be, none knows, yet it will come,
And these are Signs, forego the Day of Doom.*

OF that Day and Hour knoweth no Man, not the Angels in Heaven; neither the Son, but the Father. Watch, therefore, lest the Master of the House should come at Eve or Midnight, at the Cock crowing or at the Dawning.

Certain Signs will go before the Day, by which (as by the Evening Men judge of the Morning) we may prognosticate, not only the nearness of the Time, but the Terrors which will accompany it.

St. Matthew says, that before the coming of this Day, there will be great Wars and Troubles in the World, nation shall rise against Nation, and Kingdom against Kingdom; & there shall be great Earthquakes in divers Places, and Pestilences and Famine, and terrible Things in the Air.

St. Luke says, there shall be false Christs, Wars, Seditions, Famines, Plagues, &c.

These are the Trumpets, Pursuivants, and Heralds, which go before, and make Way for the Judge to come. And then the great Day of Sessions drawing nearer and nearer, there will appear other messengers, far more fearful and terrible.

The COMING of the JUDGE.

THESE Warnings, and these dreadful Embassies, being sent before, at length the Judge himself approaches; before whom goes an universal Fire, which shall burn and consume to ashes all the Glory of the World. The Fire shall be to the Wicked the Beginning of their Pains, and to the Good an Introduction to their Glory.

Our Lord says Malachi, who may abide the Day of the Lord's coming; and who shall endure, when he appeareth; for he shall be like a purging fire, and like Fuller's Soap. Chap. iii.

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The Prophet Joel strikes on the same String, and it sounds this horrid music: A Fire devourereth before him, and behind him a Flame burneth up. Joel ii.

The Prophets muster up their Forces together, to express the Glory and Fears that attend upon this Generation going into the Field. And Zephaniah, for his Part, sets down thus much: That it is the Day of Wrath, a Day of Trouble and Heaviness, a Day of Clouds and tempestuous Storms.

When the Prophets have closed up their Terrors, listen to what the Evangelist St. Matthews says, As the Lightening which cometh out of the East, and shineth even unto the West, so shall the Coming of the Son of Man be.

St. Mark, St. Luke and St. John bear their Part in the same Lesson, all of them concluding, That except those Days should be shortened, no flesh be saved.

Christ therefore will come in Glory like a King, in Triumph like a Conqueror, in terror like a Judge, in mildness like a Father, in Carefulness like a husband, in Wonder like a Saviour!—What Judge ever rode such a Circuit? Both the Living and the Dead must be arraign'd before him.

The World, for Sin, was once drowned; but alas! on this Day, it must be burned.—A Deluge of Water swallowed the One, and a Flame of Fire must devour the Other: not Fire alone, but Fire and Brimstone; not a clear, sweet Fire, but a black and noisome One. As our Sins stink in God's Nostrils, so the Fire, in which our iniquities are to be tried, shall stink in ours; for all the World shall make but one bonfire, and in the ashes of that Fire, the whole Earth shall be swallowed up.

The sun was in Virgo when Christ was born; but, when he comes, at this latter day, in terror to judge the world, the sun will be in Leo (as this Memorandum speaks) for the Lion of Judah will then roar, and be heard, and shew his great strength; and when, as an upright judge, he weighs the actions, thoughts and words of men, then the sun will be in Libra for ever; but a terrible balance must at that time be held in Christ's choir.

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This dreadful dissolution of the world, in which must perish the earth, the heavens, sun, moon, stars, planets, and all that move in the waters, or over our heads, are thus drawn in the Apocalypse, viz. I saw a mighty angel, clothed with a cloud, and a rainbow upon his head. his face as it were the sun, his feet like pillars of fire, of the which one he set on the sea, and the other on the land; and he lifted up his arm towards heaven, and swore by him who liveth everlastingly, world without end, that from henceforth there should be Time no more.

The SESSIONS; the JUDGE seated; the PRISONERS at the BAR: the ARRAIGNMENT and SENTENCE.

*The Judge sits on the Bench,
Both Good and Bad are try'd;
The Bad condemned are,
The Good are glorify'd.*

IN this dreadful day of doom, the judge being seated on his throne of justice, it must needs be a full court, a mighty sessions; never in any country or kingdom hath been held so great an assizes. All the children of Adam must stand before him; all that were over-whelmed in the general flood; and all the nations of the world, that ever have been or shall be, shall at that day be raised out of the graves, and receive sentence according to their merits.

The judge shall sit in majesty and glory, round about him will stand angels, arch-angels, and all the principalities of heaven.

Before him all the souls of men, women, and children are prisoners. All bodies shall rise; but not all after one manner; for those which have done well, shall be fair and beautiful; but those who have done ill, shall appear ugly and horrible to behold, in as fearful shapes as devils are want to be painted in.

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The guilty shall tremble at the sight of the judge, whilst the godly shall rejoice and triumph.

The son of man must be our judge; before him must be this arraignment, before his throne must all be set; and then the books must be opened. Then all those emperors, kings, princes, and rulers of nations, who have been cruel tyrants, and not governed uprightly, nor cared for the lives of their subjects, but made wars for ambitions and revenge; then all these will wish that the kingdoms might fall over them, and hide them from the terrible fate of all-seeing justice.

All those ministers, who, instead of being faithful shepherds over their flocks, have been ravenous wolves to devour them, shall have a woe, pronounced against them.

Judges, that have stained themselves with bribes; courtiers, that have flown upon the wings of pride, vain glory, and ambition; lawyers, that have eaten up their client; generals of armies, captains, and common soldiers, who have wantonly made themselves drunk with blood! citizens and tradesmen, who with false oaths and deceitful wares, have, to buy land, sold and made away their souls; farmers, graziers, and countrymen who have murmured at plentiful years, and in dear ones have grinded the face of the poor; and lastly, common beggars, who have made idleness their living, & whose tongues have been filled with profaneness, damnable oaths, and horrid blasphemies; all these, and thousands of others as bad as these, are sure to be a wretched estate, when the omniscient judge call them to trial, and their own awakened impartial consciences witness against them.

No justice shall sit on the bench for bribes to speak in any prisoner's behalf; no counsellor shall be allowed to plead for any man: no lord's letter can be received here.

Those who on earth have sumptuous palaces, & wardrobes full of embroidered garments; who every day are carried through the streets in thundering coaches and chariots glittering with gold, shoals of footmen running by, troops of flattering gallants before them, train of attendants galloping

ing after them ; these shall at this sessions, stand shivering, dejected, naked. Those proud titles of high and mighty, right honorable, most heroical, thrice illustrious, most reverend, truly noble, worshipful, valiant, renowned, &c. will be laid by and disregarded. — A cobbler and Cæsar shall stand at the bar on equal terms for life and death, about one and the same offence, sinning against their consciences. One judge must sit upon both, and both shall receive the same condemnation.

What will remain after this but beating of breasts, tearing their hair, cursing their creation, then howlings, shrieks, terrors, fears of torments before their faces, and an assurance of everlasting torments, which are to follow the sentence from the judge's mouth, and that is in two Words, Go and Come; Go ye cursed, (to those who have done ill) into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels; come ye blessed, (to those who have done well) and dwell with me in heaven.

Take heed, therefore, O Christian ! whatsoever thou art that readest this little book, and beware that this day of the Lord comes upon thee unawares; and therefore watch and pray, that thou mayest be ready at all times, when he calls for judgment, and stand among the happy number of those to whom he shall say, Come ye blessed, &c.

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